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Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know

Beal, Timothy K.

Religion professor presents excerpts from the Jewish and Christian scriptures that have shaped social and political lives for centuries. Discusses the cultural and historical background of verses to place them in context. Asserts that knowing the Bible is essential for understanding literature, art, music, conversation, and popular culture. 2009.

DB 70670

Theology Questions Everyone Asks: Christian Faith in Plain Language

Burge, Gary M. and David Lauber, ed.

Twelve essays by theology professors on questions typically asked by students. Discusses the nature of Christianity, the Bible, Jesus, salvation, ethical living, and more. Examines doctrine to attempt to answer the questions raised. 2014.

DB 79117

Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back

Burpo, Todd

Burpo, a pastor in Nebraska, relates the 2003 experiences reported by his three-year-old son Colton, who believes that during an emergency appendectomy he died, went to heaven, and returned to life. Colton describes seeing Jesus, angels, and deceased relatives. 2010.

DB 72633

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Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit

Canfield, Jack, ed.

Collection of 101 inspirational stories selected from 7,000 submissions. Intended to increase awareness of Christian values at home, at work, and in the community. Contributors include ordinary citizens from all walks of life as well as Dick Van Dyke and Norman Vincent Peale. 2008.

DB 45709

The Vow: The True Events that Inspired the Movie

Carpenter, Kim and Krickitt

A devout Christian couple shares their experiences following a near-fatal car accident--only two months after their 1993 marriage--that left the wife with brain damage. Unable to identify her husband Kim, Krickitt put her faith in God as she endured rehabilitation. 2012.

DB 74568

Stories Behind the Traditions and Songs of Easter

Collins, Ace

Award-winning author explores historical and religious origins of customs associated with the Christian holiday of Easter. Discusses the roots of Lent, passion plays, sunrise services, Easter parades, Easter eggs, and the Easter bunny as well as the inspiration for such hymns as "He Lives!" and "The Old Rugged Cross." 2007.

DB 66620

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The Wisdom of His Compassion: Meditations on the Words and Actions of Jesus

Girzone, Joseph F.

The author of Joshua (DB 30863) reflects on the character and mind of Jesus through a series of meditations based on episodes in the Gospel. Each focuses on an aspect of Jesus' life and its significance to modern Christians. 2009.

DB 69396

Led to Believe by Billy Graham: Inspiring Words from Billy Graham and Others on Living by Faith

Graham, Billy

Preacher Billy Graham and his followers recall being born again and explain ways the experience changed their lives. Includes "Never Quit on a Boy" by a youth counselor and "The Day My Faith Meant Most to Me" by a blind Korean orphan. Epilogue by Anne Graham Lotz. 2007.

DB 72207

Peace with God

Graham, Billy

Minister Billy Graham revises and expands his statement of faith first published in 1953. It offers Graham's analysis of man's deepest longings and highest hopes and describes the path he has found to personal peace amid world crisis. 1991.

DB 71233

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The Evolution of Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity

Gulley, Philip

Quaker pastor Gulley invites fellow Christians to consider their faith in a fresh way, informed by common sense, positive tradition, and personal experience. Reflects on the evolution of faith in his own life and in society. Discusses the concepts of suffering, evil, salvation, prayer, and the afterlife. 2011.

DB 74185

What are You Afraid Of? Facing Down Your Fears with Faith

Jeremiah, David

Christian pastor and author of God Loves You (DB 75744) explores ten fears--including disapproval, danger, and death--that he argues prevent people from living life to its fullest. Posits that God is the answer to all of our concerns. 2013.

DB 77943

Second Chances: More Stories of Grace

Lucado, Max

In this companion to Grace (DB 75414) minister and inspirational writer Lucado relates scriptural and anecdotal examples of people who have behaved badly but experienced mercy, forgiveness, and a second chance. Includes retellings of the tales of the prodigal son and of King David and Goliath. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

DB 76751

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Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?: Christian Identity in a Multi-faith World

McLaren, Brian D.

McLaren, a theologian, proposes a new way of being Christian built on "benevolence and solidarity rather than rivalry and hostility." He argues that this faith alternative is strong but doesn't strong-arm anyone, going beyond tolerance to vigorous hospitality toward, interest in, and collaboration with others. 2014.

DB 77690

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy

Metaxas, Eric

Biography of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), who was born into an aristocratic family and executed for his part in a failed plot to kill Adolph Hitler. Discusses Bonhoeffer's childhood, musical training, travels throughout Europe and America, and spiritual convictions. Includes excerpts from his correspondence and journal entries. 2010.

DB 72399

Making Good Habits, Breaking Bad Habits: 14 New Behaviors that will Energize your Life

Meyer, Joyce

Author of Never Give Up (DB 68923) and other faith-based books examines negative behavior patterns and discusses fourteen good habits, including responsibility, generosity, and happiness. Encourages putting God first. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

DB 76697

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Daily Readings from Your Best Life Now: 90 Devotions for Living at Your Full Potential

Osteen, Joel

Christian pastor offers a devotional as a companion to his bestselling *Your Best Life Now* (DB 59330, BR 16228). Presents ninety days of motivational and inspirational messages and scripture intended to strengthen belief in God. 2005.

DB 63057

DX 63057

Ninety Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death and Life

Piper, Don

Texas Baptist minister recounts his 1989 near-fatal car accident when he was declared dead at the scene. Describes experiencing heaven and reuniting with deceased loved ones, and regaining consciousness after being prayed over by a fellow preacher. Discusses his painful rehabilitation and initial desire to return to paradise. 2004.

DB 63761 DX 63761

Water from the Well: Women of the Bible: Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah

Roiphe, Anne Richardson

Retelling of the stories of four biblical matriarchs. Draws on scripture, rabbinic interpretations, folklore, and legend to chronicle the tragedies and choices of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah. 2006.

DB 78256

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A Lifetime of Wisdom: Embracing the Way God Heals You

Tada, Joni Eareckson

The founder of a Christian disability advocacy organization, herself quadriplegic, uses biblical scripture to explain the contradictions between misfortune and God's goodness. Describes her response to her own teenage accident and her state of mind forty years later. Advocates living in the "now" and discusses reasons for suffering. 2009.

DB 68513

Answer to Bad Religion is not No Religion: A Guide to Good Religion for Seekers, Skeptics, and Believers

Thielen, Martin

A pastor uses personal stories to illustrate the dangers of religion that is judgmental, anti-intellectual, and legalistic, and offers a positive vision of Christianity for those who might otherwise abandon it. 2014.

DB 78936

What the Gospels Meant

Wills, Garry

Pulitzer Prize winner and author of What Jesus Meant (DB 62385) and What Paul Meant (DB 63893) examines the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, explains their methods and styles, and interprets their goals. Suggests that each Gospel is a meditation on the meaning of Jesus. 2008.

DB 67346